

membrane has a surface portion 24 that is engaged by the operator to apply force to depress the depressible member 20. The third membrane 60 encloses the depressible member 20 and the first and second membranes 30, 40 from environmental conditions. The membrane 60 is secured to the mounting surface 50. The third membrane 60 may be a seal pad constructed of a suitable elastomer such as rubber. The third membrane 60 provides minimal resistance to depression of the depressible member 20, and thus a minimal force acting to return the depressible member 20, to the position of Fig. 1.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 6, as follows:

6. (Amended) The apparatus as defined in claim 5 wherein said second membrane is at least partially metal and engages said electrical switch contact to complete a circuit.